

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

***Listing of Claims:***

1. (Currently Amended) An operation microscope with an illuminating device ~~(13, 14, 15)~~ which is arranged behind ~~the~~ a front lens (4) and illuminates ~~the~~ an object plane ~~(2, 19)~~ with a light patch (16) and in whose beam path (9) a diaphragm ~~(6, 7)~~ is arranged which partially covers said beam path and said beam path has an optical axis, wherein the light patch (16) can be moved with a translatory movement component in the object plane ~~(2, 19)~~.
2. (Currently Amended) The operation microscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the diaphragm ~~(6, 7)~~ is designed for a movement with a translatory component (8) in the beam path perpendicular to the optical axis (9) of the illuminating beam path.
3. (Currently Amended) The operation microscope as claimed in claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein the illuminating device ~~(13, 14, 15)~~ can be moved relative to the diaphragm.
4. (Currently Amended) The operation microscope as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 through 3~~, wherein the light patch can be moved by pivoting ~~(at 34)~~ of a deflection element (15) for the illuminating light ~~(10 through 12)~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The operation microscope as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 through 4~~, wherein the diaphragm ~~(6, 7)~~ is arranged in a diaphragm support ~~(6)~~ which can be moved perpendicular to the optical axis ~~(9)~~ of the illuminating beam path ~~(4)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The operation microscope as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 through 5~~, wherein the diaphragm ~~(6, 7)~~ can be moved in two directions ~~(8, 24)~~ perpendicular to one another and linearly perpendicular to the optical axis ~~(9)~~ of the illuminating beam path.

7. (Currently Amended) The operation microscope as claimed in claim 5 ~~or 6~~, wherein the diaphragm ~~(6, 7)~~ can additionally be rotated about an axis ~~(28)~~ parallel to the optical axis ~~(9)~~ of the illuminating beam path.

8. (Currently Amended) The operation microscope as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 through 4~~, wherein the diaphragm ~~(6, 7)~~ is arranged in a diaphragm support ~~(6)~~ which is rotatably mounted eccentrically ~~(at 28)~~ with respect to the optical axis ~~(9)~~ of the illuminating beam path.

9. (Currently Amended) The operation microscope as claimed in claim 5 ~~one of claims 5 through 8~~, wherein more than one diaphragm ~~(6, 7)~~ is provided on the diaphragm support ~~(6)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) The operation microscope as claimed in claim 5 ~~one of claims 1 through 9~~, wherein the diaphragm or at least one diaphragm ~~(6, 7)~~ is slit-shaped.

11. (Currently Amended) The operation microscope as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 through 10~~, wherein the diaphragm or at least one diaphragm ~~(6, 7)~~ is circular.

12. (Currently Amended) The operation microscope as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 through 11~~, wherein the ~~size of the~~ diaphragm has a modifiable ~~(6, 7)~~ ~~(the slit width size or a modifiable circle diameter size) can be modified.~~

13. (Currently Amended) The operation microscope as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 through 12~~, wherein the diaphragm~~(s)~~ ~~is/are~~ arranged on a diaphragm support which is partially transmitting at least in subareas ~~(30)~~.

14. (Currently Amended) The operation microscope as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 through 12~~, wherein the diaphragm~~(s)~~ ~~(6, 7)~~ and/or the deflection element ~~(15)~~ can be adjusted by motor.

15. (New) The operation microscope as claimed in claim 2, wherein the illuminating device can be moved relative to the diaphragm.

16. (New) The operation microscope as claimed in claim 2, wherein the light patch can be moved by pivoting of a deflection element for the illuminating light.
17. (New) The operation microscope as claimed in claim 3, wherein the light patch can be moved by pivoting of a deflection element for the illuminating light.
18. (New) The operation microscope as claimed in claim 2, wherein the diaphragm is arranged in a diaphragm support which can be moved perpendicular to the optical axis of the illuminating beam path.
19. (New) The operation microscope as claimed in claim 3, wherein the diaphragm is arranged in a diaphragm support which can be moved perpendicular to the optical axis of the illuminating beam path.
20. (New) The operation microscope as claimed in claim 4, wherein the diaphragm is arranged in a diaphragm support which can be moved perpendicular to the optical axis of the illuminating beam path.